



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

MIKE DOYLE

"AMERICA UNITES"

Fall Newsletter:



Stand Together

Dear Friends:

In the face of our national crisis, nothing is more important than standing together and speaking with one voice. These terrible acts of terrorism on American soil have wounded this great nation deeply, but it has not brought us to our knees nor has it discouraged Americans as the terrorists desperately hoped.

I have never seen America more united. From the firefighters in Western Pennsylvania who rushed to help their fallen brothers and sisters; to the bipartisan efforts of Congress and the President to provide assistance; to the American people demonstrating what patriotism, freedom, and democracy really mean by lending a hand and displaying the flag. In these past weeks, I have seen numerous accounts of Americans coming to each others' aid helping all of us to recover from this together.

As our nation is joined by other peace-loving nations to take the necessary steps to rid the world of terrorism, we must remain united and demonstrate patience as we bring these terrorists to justice. As your representative in Congress, I have resolved to work with my colleagues to protect our nation from terrorist acts and to strive to eliminate the threat of terrorism from the world.

As we are united against acts of terrorism, we must also be united against acts of hatred. It is important that Americans across the country realize that terrorism is not exclusive to any religion or nationality. We are all Americans regardless of our religious or ethnic background, and we all condemn these terrorist acts.

As the days and weeks pass, we will all get back to a way of life that may not be the same as it was before September 11th, but it might just be a better type of life because America and Americans have a renewed sense of purpose. We have demonstrated in the past weeks a great love for this country and what it has provided us. Because of this, I believe that America's way of life will prevail over those who try to destroy it.

America will recover from this dastardly act, and we will grow stronger in our resolve to uphold freedom and democracy.

Sincerely,

Mike



Addressing Our Nation's Energy Needs = Securing Our Nation's Energy Supply

Since the beginning of the year, there has been great concern over the future of our nation's energy supply. Even in the wake of the terrorist attacks on our nation, it remains important for Congress to establish a sound and balanced energy strategy that will meet our current and future energy needs.

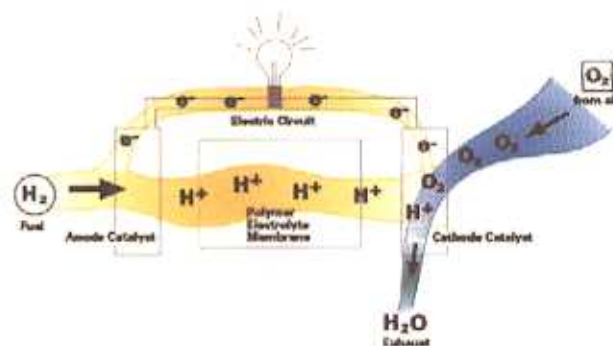
The House of Representatives has begun to address this issue by passing H.R. 4, Securing America's Future Energy Act. Although this legislation does not provide all the answers, it does provide us with a good start in establishing a fully comprehensive, balanced energy strategy. This legislation includes research and development of alternative fuel sources like fuel cells; funding for energy assistance programs like LIHEAP; research into cleaner more efficient ways of using our nonrenewable energy sources like coal; and the development of innovative technologies to increase consumers' conservation efforts.

I supported this legislation because it provides a balanced and environmentally friendly approach to meeting our nation's current and future energy needs. This energy legislation will benefit Western Pennsylvania directly because it supports a lot of the good work that is already being done in our region. With the passage of this legislation, our researchers will continue to take a strong lead in the development of our nation's energy policy. For example:

- *The National Energy Technology Laboratory* in South Park will continue ongoing research into clean coal technologies and fuel cell development;

- *Siemens-Westinghouse* in Churchill will continue research and product development of fuel cells. In August, Siemens received a \$47.8 million federal grant for further development of ultra-low cost fuel cells for residential and automobile application. In addition, Siemens will be building a \$122 million fuel cell research and manufacturing facility in the Waterfront bringing 500 jobs to the region; and

- *Carnegie Mellon University* will coordinate an Advanced Building Efficiency Testbed project that will focus on developing more energy efficient buildings and homes through design, materials, and construction.



A fuel cell consists of two electrodes sandwiched around an electrolyte. Oxygen passes over one electrode and hydrogen over the other, generating electricity, water and heat. (graphic provided by www.fuelcells.org)



Rep. Doyle touring the Churchill facility of Siemens-Westinghouse where they are performing research and product development of fuel cells.

Working to Stop Illegal Steel Dumping

The recent terrorist attacks serve as a crucial reminder that steel provides the backbone for infrastructure and defense. As a Member of the Congressional Steel Caucus, I have worked hard to call attention to the steel dumping crisis and the immediate need for a Section 201 Investigation by the International Trade Commission (ITC). Earlier this summer, the Administration finally agreed to initiate a 201, which will establish if the steel industry has been injured by illegal imports. I recently testified before the ITC regarding the damage that has occurred to the steel industry in Western Pennsylvania because of illegal dumping.





In the wake of this tragedy, what do we say to our children?

Seeing frightening or distressing events such as those shown on television or other media can take away a child's basic sense of safety and security, just as it does for adults. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's website provides guidance and advice for parents, teachers and other caregivers about how to help children through this difficult time. This information can be found at www.fema.gov/nwz01/nwz01_99.htm or www.fema.gov/kids. Talking to our children is important in making our children feel safe and secure again. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact one of my offices and that information will be sent to you.



Sending Thanks

In this time when our whole country is uniting to help in the relief efforts of these terrorist attacks, your children might inquire about the role they can play. The New York City post office and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have designated a post office box for letters of recognition and thanks to the brave rescue workers. Anyone who wishes to write the firefighters, police officers, and urban search and rescue teams, can send letters to:

**Search and Rescue
P.O. Box 2551
New York, NY 10166**

The mail received will be circulated among firefighters, police officers and all search and rescue personnel before being posted in the living quarters of the FEMA task force members.

Information Center

Central Information Source:
www.whitehouse.gov

Air Travel Updates: www.faa.gov

Report Terrorist Activity: Call the DoJ's Hotline 1-866-483-5137 or visit the FBI tip website at www.ifccfbi.gov

Report Discrimination: Threats and discrimination against Arabs, Muslims and other American ethnic groups are inexcusable. Report any such activity to the DoJ's anti-discrimination hotline 1-800-522-6843.

Support for Our Fallen Heroes' Families: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has compiled information on a number of organizations benefiting victims' families at www.fema.gov

To Give Blood: Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-Give Life

COMMUNITY UNITY



On Monday, September 17, 2001, Rep. Doyle spoke at the "Community Unity" rally at the Community College of Allegheny County Boyce Campus. Rep. Doyle spoke to the students and

answered their questions about the terrorist attacks on this nation.



OUR AMERICAN HEROES



In our darkest days, Americans shine the brightest. This is evident by the goodness and courage displayed by the heroes of our country. These heroes are the firefighters, police officers, medical personnel, volunteers, and many others who have donated their services, their skills, their sweat, their tears, and their blood for their fellow Americans.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank and bring recognition to all the firefighters, police officers and emergency personnel who rushed to the disaster scenes. These individuals have always played a key role in our communities. Day in and day out, they have protected our neighborhoods and our homes and have saved the lives of our friends and families while risking their own lives. We have taken their sacrifices for granted—until now. We can never forget the bravery and courage that was displayed by all the rescue workers who have put their own lives in danger for the safety of others. They provide a remarkable service to our nation, and we should treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve.

I would especially like to recognize the numerous fire companies from Western Pennsylvania who quickly responded to the attacks in New York and assisted in the clean-up efforts. They answered the call to duty not because they were told to, but because they wanted to help their fellow Americans in a time of desperate need.

These individuals are an inspiration to us all.



Rep. Doyle spoke at a press conference in August calling for more funding for firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

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